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Dear Ms. Rutson:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1105.10(a), I wish to notify you that in six months' time the Applicant, Nevada Central Railroad, anticipates filing its Application in Finance Docket No. 34382, Nevada Central Railroad—Construction and Operation—In Clark, Elko, Eureka, Lander, Nye and White Pine Counties, Nevada.

The initial phase of construction by Nevada Central Railroad will be in three parts.

The Bypass Line will start at a proposed connection with the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") at Jean, thence proceed in a westerly direction to Sandy Valley, thence in a northwesterly direction to a point northeast of Paharump, thence in a northwesterly direction to a point northeast of Johnnie, thence in a northerly direction to a point northeast of Crystal, thence in a west, northwesterly direction to a point southeast of Amargosa Valley, thence in a north, northwesterly direction to the southwestern corner of the Nevada Test Site, thence in a north, northwesterly direction to a point west of the southwest corner of the Nellis Air Force Bombing and Gunnery Range and east of Beatty, thence in a north, northwesterly direction to a point northeast of Scotty's Junction, thence in a northerly direction to Mud Lake, thence in a northerly direction to Carlin and thence in a easterly direction to a proposed connection with the UP at Cobre.

The North Fork Line will start at a point east of Ralston Valley, south of Monitor Peak, thence proceed in a north, northeasterly direction through Monitor Valley to a point east of Belmont, thence in a northerly direction through Monitor Valley to a point southwest of Hickison Summit, thence in a westerly direction to Rye Patch Canyon, thence in a north, northeasterly direction to a point northwest of Fagin Mountain, thence in a northerly direction to a point northwest of Bald Mountain, thence in a westerly direction to Cortez and thence in a north,

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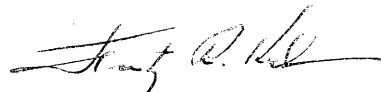
northeasterly direction to a proposed connection with UP at Beowawe.

The Northeast Fork Line will start at the junction with the North Fork Line at the point east of Ralston Valley and south of Monitor Peak, thence proceed in northeasterly direction to a point northwest of Kawich Peak, thence in a north easterly direction through Stone Cabin Valley to Warm Springs, thence in an east, northeasterly direction to a point northwest of Nyala, thence in a north, northeasterly direction through Railroad Valley to a point east of Current, thence in a northerly direction to Ruth, thence in a north, northeasterly direction to the proposed connection with the former Nevada Northern Railroad at a point two miles north of McGill, thence in a northerly direction to Currie, and thence in a northerly direction to proposed connections with UP southeast and northeast of Oasis.

I hope the foregoing information is sufficient to enable you to publish the Federal Register notice of your intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and of the scope of the document. If, however, you require additional information or if I otherwise can be of assistance, please let me know.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for your to initial to acknowledge your receipt of it and to return to me in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,



Fritz R. Kahn

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cc: Mr. Robert A. Kemp